

Lakers dump Totems in pre-season game

Vernon Lakers' Coach Chuck Tapp got a good look at his rookie crop Thursday night . . . and he liked what he saw.

Lakers defeated Shuswap Totems 9-7 in B.C. Junior Hockey League exhibition game, in Enderby. Tapp used only three of his nine veterans so the rookies would get an opportunity to prove themselves.

MOVED PUCK

"We moved the puck quite well," Tapp said. "There are some things we need work on, but overall, I'm happy with the way we played."

Most productive line on the ice was comprised of three newcomers. Centre Bruce Major, a graduate of Vernon Midget Reps, had a goal and four assists.

His wingers, Glen Kirk and Kelly Rosehill, contributed three and one goals respectively.

Dave Wensley, Tony Christie, Regan Desroches, and Greg Kowal were the other Vernon marksmen.

EXPERIENCED

Bob Wensley, Gord Simpson, and Kowal were the only players dressed who played regularly with Lakers last season. However, there were several others on the ice with BCJHL experience. Dave Wensley, Bob's younger brother, spent part of last season with Richmond Sockeyes; Regan Desroches, a defenceman, played the 1981-82 campaign with Lakers; and goalie Shawn Oswald also spent the 1981-82 season in Vernon.

Netminder Paul Anaka started

and finished the game for Lakers. Shortly after Oswald entered the game, in the second period, he was ejected for fighting.

Lakers held period leads of 1-0 and 8-4.

Lakers still have 38 players in camp, but Tapp expects to make several cuts tonight. "We've got to release some guys to make room for any tier one cuts that may arrive here this weekend," he said. "We have to stay at a workable size."

NEXT WEEKEND

Vernon will take on Merritt Centennials in a home-and-home exhibition series next weekend. First game is Sept. 17, in the Civic Arena.

League play gets under way Sept. 20 when Lakers host Totems.